17. Smt. Minu Rathor
18. Smt. Jayasudha Kapoor
19. Shri S.V. Ramanathan
20. Smt. Sudha V. Joshi
21. Smt. Pushpa Bharati
22. Shri Kiran Shantaram
23. Shri Vinay Kumar Sinha
24. Mrs. Megha Patil
25. Prof. Sulochana Nair
26. Shri P. Bhaskaran

Autonomy under Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 to Air and Doodarshan

744. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 has been enforced with effect from 15th September, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of the composition and function of the new Board constituted under the Act; and

(c) how far autonomy as contemplated under the Act has been granted to All India Radio and Doordarshan under the new dispensation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following persons have been appointed on the Prasar Bharati Board:—

1. Shri Nikhil Chakravarty -Chairman
2. Shri S.S. Gill -Executive Member
3. Shri B.G. Verghese -Part-time Member
4. Dr. Abid Hussain -Part-time Member
5. Prof. U.R. Rao -Part-time Member
6. Shri A. Padmanabhan -Part-time Member
7. Shri Rajendra Yadav -Part-time Member
8. Prof. Romila Thapar -Part-time Member

Besides the above, the Act also provides for four ex-officio members, two representative of employees of the Corporation and a representative of the Ministry of I&B. The Board will perform function inter-alia relating to the general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(c) The Prasar Bharati would have full autnomy as contemplated under the Act.

Review of Expansion and Modernisation of Doordarshan

745. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the expansion and modernisation of Doordarshan in the country during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the proposal mooted thereon for the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The need for expansion and modernisation of the existing Doordarshan Centres in the country is reviewed from time to time. The Statewise details of TV transmitters of varying powers, as well as Studio Centres commissioned during the Eighth Plan period are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The outlays in respect of the continuing schemes of the Eighth Plan and new schemes envisaged in the Ninth Plan for both TV transmitters as well as studios would depend upon the extent of funds approved for the Ninth Plan proposals of Doordarshan by the competent authority.